

ACTIVE DISABLEMENT OF MALICIOUS CODE IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE PROVISION OF ON-LINE FINANCIAL SERVICES

Abstract

Active disablement of malicious code in association with the provision of on-line financial services. The invention provides for the active detection and disablement of malicious code residing on a customer computer system used for conducting on-line financial transactions. Computer programs residing on a server of a financial institution, such as a bank, direct the download and execution of scanning software by the customer. The scanning is performed as an integral part of the on-line financial transaction process. Computer program instructions for scanning the customer computer system are activated over the network, in some embodiments, through the use of ActiveX controls.